

THE WYNNE HOME ARTS CENTER

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Wynne Home Hits Bulls-Eye with "Target Art!"

Corporate caring and the spirit of volunteerism are alive and well in Huntsville, Texas – just ask the 258 children who took part in the "Target Art" festivities at the Wynne Home on July 10th! These youth represented a cross-section of our community, including a hundred kids from Huntsville's Boys and Girls Club and sixty-eight from the YMCA. A number of individual young visitors were on hand as well. With eighty Target volunteers, courtesy of Huntsville's new Target Store, plus twenty community volunteers, the home pulsed with the kind of life and arts activity undoubtedly envisioned by the Wynne family who donated it to the City in 1998.

The excited youngsters participated in arts such as weaving, painting, and chalk drawing, plus enjoyed music by the Huntsville Youth Orchestra. Additionally, they gained a sense of history as they toured the Wynne Home, learned about the art of Richard Haas on display in the Gallery, and topped off the day with snacks furnished by Target. The festivities were enlivened with remarks by Gene Myrick (Huntsville Arts Commission), Mayor J. Turner, and Target's District Community Relations Captain Wes Burke, who presented a generous gift of \$1,000 to the Wynne Home Arts Center on behalf of Target. Mr. Burke emphasized that this event was just the first of cooperative ventures that Target looks forward to in the Huntsville community.



380 visitors thronged to the Target Art event!

Other VIPs included Target Store Manager Tim Wolff, City of Huntsville's Cultural Arts Director Linda Pease, City Manager Bill Baine, and Community Services Director Matt Lumpkins. Nancy Gaertner and Roberta Plant were recognized for planning and organizing the event in cooperation with Target and its leaders.



DID YOU KNOW?

You can become a "Friend of the Wynne" for just \$10 annually. To join or to volunteer just call Una Grace Nash at 295-5745.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **September 12th:** Dana Andrews Film Festival at the Wynne Home, featuring: The Ox-Bow Incident and Laura. Dr. Carl Rollyson from CUNY is currently working on a biography of Andrews, and he will be on hand to introduce the films and discuss "From Huntsville to Hollywood: The Dana Andrews Story."

5:30-7:00: Ox-Bow Incident
7:00-8:00: Reception
8:00-10:00: Laura



STAFF SPOTLIGHT: KIM MCAULIFFE

Kim McAuliffe is the new Administrative Assistant at the Wynne Home. A 2007 graduate of Sam Houston State University, Kim majored in Business Administration and Management, graduating in three years. Upon graduation, she turned her college internship into full-time

employment as Assistant Branch Manager at First Convenience Bank. What she likes most about her new job as Administrative Assistant is meeting new people, being surrounded by beautiful art, and learning about local history. Kim looks forward to participating in the Wynne Home's

art classes, perhaps even instructing her own cookie decorating and baking class during the holiday season. She looks forward to growing with the job and being involved in the community.



Kim McAuliffe

- **September 19th:** Gallery Opening of works by Samuella Wynne Palmer. Reception from 4:00 to 7:00.
- **September 30th:** The Wynne Home will host County U, a program designed to educate citizens about their local government. The program will last from 6-8 and feature District Attorney David Weeks.

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Art Gallery Opening:
Works by Samuella Wynne Palmer

From September 19th until October 17th, 2009, the Lela Mae Brown Wynne Gallery will be filled with the art of Mrs. Wynne's daughter, the late Samuella Wynne Palmer, who, along with her sister, Ruth, donated the Wynne Home to the City of Huntsville for the establishment of the Wynne Home Arts Center. Most of the displayed oil paintings, pastels, watercolors, drawings and quilts for the show are loaned by Samuella's son Bill and wife Gerry Shaver and grandson John Shaver. The public is invited to the Opening reception on Saturday, September 19th from 4:00 until 7:00 p.m. Jan Cole will play special piano selections during the evening.

The arts were Samuella's life-long passion. She played the piano and organ, loved drawing and painting portraits and landscapes in pencil, oil or pastels. An enthusiastic quilter, she made quilts using beautiful silk fabric from men's ties and filled her home with materials and art supplies selected for future projects. She and Ruth encouraged many young Sam Houston State University art students and area artists by attending shows and purchasing their art.

The Wynne Home Arts Center will continue as a lasting reminder of their support and commitment to the arts. Samuella often remarked that she and Ruth had such happy times growing up in the home, they wanted other children to be able to enjoy it as they had. One of her last trips to The Wynne Home Arts Center was a surprise visit to see hundreds of children from area schools enjoying art activities throughout her childhood home.



Lela Mae Brown
Wynne, painted
by Samuella
Wynne Palmer

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT: MEGAN FOSTER

If someone were to ask if I had any plans for the weekend, I would first check to see if it was the third weekend of the month. I recently felt the need to make a bigger contribution to my community, so for the past several months I've set aside four hours on the



Megan
Foster

third Saturday of the month to volunteer at my favorite historical landmark in Huntsville, the Wynne Home. My tasks are usually pretty simple, and consist of things such as organizing art supplies, working in the gift shop, giving tours to visitors, or helping prepare for upcoming events. It's hard to think of it as "work" when you're surrounded by such a beautiful house and all of its history. Volunteering is such an easy thing to do, and it's an enormously rewarding feeling when you know that just a small amount of your time is appreciated. The employees are nice and helpful, the art is beautiful, and the historic home is warm and welcoming. So, if you have any extra time to lend a helping hand, the Wynne Home would be a great place to do so.—*Megan Foster will be a Senior at Huntsville High School this Fall. When she's not volunteering at the Wynne Home, she spends time dancing with the Grenadier Guards, keeping score for the Hornet baseball team, and serving as one of the Huntsville High Yearbook Editors.*

GIFT SHOP ART GALLERY

In the parlor of the Wynne Home Arts Center is a special Gift Shop and Gallery serviced by members of the "Friends of the Wynne." This group has long helped to plan the many ways that the Home can be used and appreciated by the community. The plan for this parlor room was for the public to enjoy local artists and have the opportunity to purchase original art. The money raised from sales in this Gallery always goes back to the artist with a small portion designated to help the Home with its many needs and educational programs. Currently, the gallery is displaying art addressing the "All Creatures Great and Small" theme, but this exhibit gives way to Barbara Tyson's work in September. Among the best sellers are original, beautiful burn-out scarves, and one-of-a-kind jewelry, as well as paintings. Additionally, if a special card is needed, this is the place to find unique and original greeting cards. If you have not yet had the opportunity to browse the Gift Shop and Gallery at the Wynne Home, please plan a visit soon, especially if you have need of an unusual gift.



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